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SUBJ: U.S. RESIDUAL PRESENCE: THAI SEEK AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FIRST PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE
HANDED BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHATCHAI CHOONHAVAN
TO AMBASSADOR AT OUTSET OF MEETING ON FEB 4
REPORTED REF A.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE QUESTION OF
FUTURE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT
AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE RAMASUN
RADIO RESEARCH PROJECT AND SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES
WHICH WOULD INVOLVE SOME AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE
IN THAILAND AFTER MARCH 20, 1976, AND TO STATE THAT
BEFORE THERE COULD BE ANY DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT
ON THIS MATTER, THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS
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IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON CERTAIN PRINCIPLES
WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THEIR FUTURE CO-OPERATION.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD SPECIFY THAT WHERE
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AND
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD INVOLVE THE
PRESENCE OF AMERICAN MILITARY FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL
ON THAI TERRITORY, THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT WOULD
REQUIRE THE APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1. AMERICAN FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SHALL
BE SUBJECT TO THAI JURISDICTION UNLESS EXEMPTED BY
SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT
AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT;
2. THESE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SHALL IN NO
WAY BE USED TO THREATEN OR INTERFERE WITH THE NATIONAL
SOVEREIGNTY OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY;
3. IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CO-
OPERATION AND INTERESTS, REPORTS ON THE
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THESE FACILITIES INCLUDING
INFORMATION AND DATA DERIVED FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES
SHALL BE COMMUNICATED REGULARLY TO THE ROYAL THAI
GOVERNMENT;
4. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMMES SHALL BE
LAUNCHED WITH THE VIEW TO THE RAPID REPLACEMENT OF
AMERICAN PERSONNEL OPERATING THE FACILITIES BY
THAI PERSONNEL;
5. AMERICAN PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE
FACILITIES IN THAILAND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER
AGREED BY THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT;
6. THESE AUTHORIZED AMERICAN PERSONNEL SHALL
ENJOY SUCH PRIVILEGES AS ARE ACCORDED TO TECHNICAL
EXPERTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES; AND
7. AGREEMENTS PERTAINING TO SUCH CO-OPERATION
SHALL CONTINUE FOR THE DURATION OF NOT MORE THAN
TWO YEARS, BUT SHALL BE RENEWABLE OR MAY BE
TERMINATED EARLIER BY EITHER PARTY GIVING ADVANCE
NOTICE.

IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED IF YOUR EXCELLENCY
COULD ASCERTAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE
BASIS OF FUTURE CO-OPERATION OUTLINED ABOVE. AND
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I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT AN EARLY POSITIVE REPLY TO
THIS PROPOSAL IS NECESSARY IF DISCUSSIONS ARE TO
BE SUCCESSFUL AND AGREEMENTS ON RAMASUN AND OTHER
SUCH PROJECTS OF CO-OPERATION CONCLUDED.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT
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